FINAL UPDATE

June 25, 2006

Lion Creek Fire

Information number: 970-859-7314

Sunday, 8:00 A.M.

Today's Update: Fire crews working on the Lion Creek Fire have made excellent progress in building a fireline around the blaze which was sparked on June 20 by a vehicle accident. The fire is expected to be 100% contained by 6:00 p.m. today. At that time the road closure which has restricted access to the Buckeye Reservoir area will also be lifted.

Today many of the firefighting resources will be released to other assignments or to return to their home bases. Crews remaining will complete mopping up and monitor the area over the next few days.

General Location: 5 miles NW of Paradox, CO

Current Size: 1,499 acres Jurisdiction: Manti-La Sal National Forest

Containment: 95% Estimated Containment Date: June 25

Cost to Date: \$650,000

Cause: Human Injuries: None

Weather: Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue over the next few days. Fire danger remains extreme. Visitors are reminded to use extra caution with all fire related activities while recreating on public lands.

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Montrose County, San Juan County and Paradox Volunteer Fire Department.



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